

NEAR-SIDE LAW IS REPEALED

Board of Aldermen by Unanimous Vote Wipes Out the Foolish Rule, According to Evening World's Suggestion.

ACTION TAKEN AFTER A VERY SHORT DEBATE.

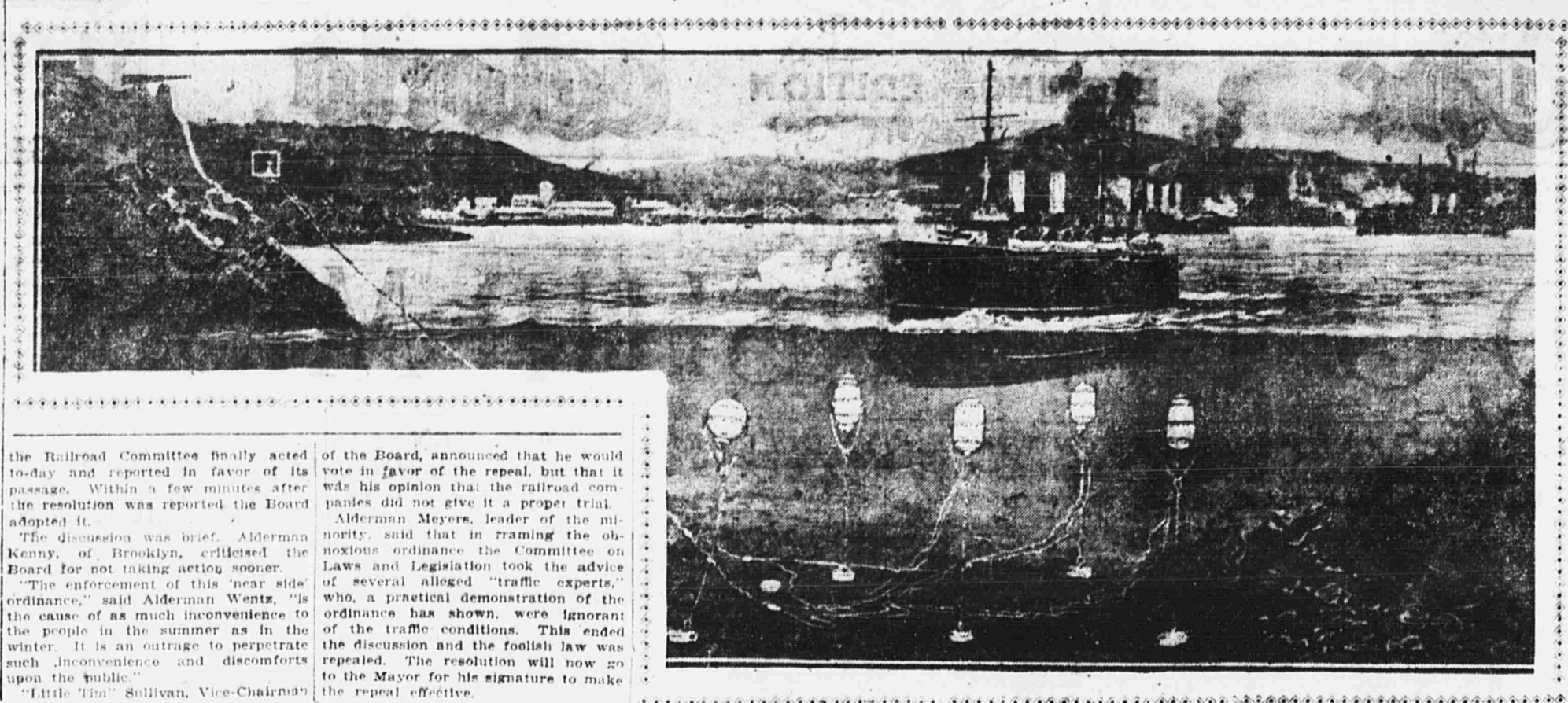
Resolution Repealing the Obnoxious Ordinance Will Be Sent at Once to the Mayor for His Approval.

In accordance with The Evening World's demand the foolish near-side ordinance was repealed to-day by the Board of Aldermen. The vote was unanimous.

New Yorkers will no longer be forced to put up with the inconvenience attending the silly regulation which required passengers to wade through mud and slush to reach and leave cars during stormy weather.

After having kept the resolution providing for repeal pigeonholed for weeks,

HOW MINES, BOTH CONTACT AND WITH LAND CONNECTIONS, ARE SET TO SINK WARSHIPS.



The Railroad Committee finally acted to-day and reported in favor of its passage. Within a few minutes after the resolution was reported the Board adopted it.

The discussion was brief. Alderman Kenny, of Brooklyn, called the Board for not taking action sooner. "The enforcement of this 'near side ordinance,'" said Alderman Wentz, "is the cause of as much inconvenience to the people in the summer as in the winter. It is an outrage to perpetrate such inconvenience and discomfort upon the public."

"Little Tim" Sullivan, Vice-Chairman of the Board, announced that he would vote in favor of the repeal, but that it was his opinion that the railroad companies did not give it a proper trial.

Alderman Meyers, leader of the minority, said that in framing the obnoxious ordinance the Committee on Laws and Legislation took the advice of several alleged "traffic experts," who, a practical demonstration of the ordinance has shown, were ignorant of the traffic conditions. This ended the discussion and the foolish law was repealed. The resolution will now go to the Mayor for his signature to make the repeal effective.

DIVER JOHN RICE TO GO AFTER BILL HOAR

He Is Now Employed in The Evening World Press Room, but Has Long Been Sent For When Particularly Hazardous Work Is Required.

POOR BILL HOAR'S APPOINTMENT AS CITY DIVER PUBLISHED TO-DAY.

In the City Record to-day is published this official announcement of the appointment as a diver in the Dock Department, of Bill Hoar, whose body is still held, as in a vise, 62 feet under water at Boonton, N. J.:

"Department of Docks and Ferries, April 9.—William J. Hoar, of No. 1869 Third avenue, Borough of Manhattan, has this day been appointed as a diver in this Department, with a compensation at the rate of \$5 per day of four hours and \$1.25 for each additional hour over four hours while employed."

John Rice, of the Evening World pressroom, has consented to go to Boonton, N. J., and release the body of the imprisoned diver Bill Hoar, from the trap at the bottom of the reservoir. Although Mr. Rice has not engaged in the business of a diver for years he is always sent for when there is a particularly hazardous piece of work to be done in this neighborhood and Mr. Bundick, the employer of poor Bill Hoar would not take no for an answer when he sent to the Pulitzer Building for the veteran to-day.

At the time the tug Nichols sank Mr. Rice went down for The World and made an extended search for the bodies, but they had been washed out of the submerged craft by the currents. He is noted among deep sea divers for his mechanical ability at great depths and for the fertility of resource with which he tackles a difficult job.

"I may not be able to accomplish anything," said Mr. Rice to Mr. Bundick, "but I will make a hard effort. I have an idea that I can approach the end of the pipe from the side toward the dam and so anchor myself that there will be no danger of me being sucked in while at work loosening the wedge."

Mr. Rice started for Boonton this evening. He will go down into the reservoir to-morrow morning and Mr. Bundick believes that he will bring up Hoar's body. Up to the time Mr. Rice consented to undertake the task to-day a score of divers had refused to go to Boonton.

Hoar's Friend Failed, Too. All other means of getting a diver having failed, Dunton came to Boonton to-day to see what he could do. He was Hoar's signal-man

MAKAROFF, SHIP AND 800 MEN LOST

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the southern extremity of the peninsula on which Port Arthur is situated.

"No reports had been received from the acting commander of the fleet up to the time this dispatch was sent."

ANOTHER ACCOUNT OF THE SEA TRAGEDY.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 13.—The Japanese fleet was discovered far out at sea last night by a scouting cruiser from Port Arthur, which hastened in with the news.

The enemy appeared on the horizon at day-break. In the mean time Admiral Makaroff had ordered his whole squadron out of the harbor to meet the attack. He went aboard the Petropavlovsk and ordered his flag hoisted, intending to take the lead in the battle.

There were about 800 in all aboard the Petropavlovsk.

While returning to the harbor the Petropavlovsk struck a mine on her starboard side amidships, and immediately she began to heel. Before the crew could flood the port compartments of the vessel in order to keep her on an even keel she turned turtle and sank in a few minutes, carrying down almost the entire crew.

Capt. N. Jakovlev, the Grand Duke Cyril and two other officers were saved because they were standing on the upper bridge.

The frightful loss of life among the officers and men was due to the fact that they all were at their stations, ready for action.

The Petropavlovsk turned turtle in a manner similar to the British battleship Victoria, which was rammed by the Camperdown in 1893, and to the incident in the Chino-Japanese war, when a Chinese warship turned turtle, many of the crew remaining alive for several days, hampering desperately on the upturned hull.

When the news of Grand Duke Cyril's miraculous escape reached his parents here a Te Deum service was held at the Vladimir Palace. The correspondent of the Associated Press was informed there this afternoon that Grand Duke Boris was going to accompany his brother to Mukden. According to the advices received there Grand Duke Cyril's injuries are slight.

DEPRESSION IN ST. PETERSBURG.

News of this disaster has created a profound sensation in St. Petersburg. The first report was that Admiral Makaroff had been captured by the Japanese, and then came the report that the Petropavlovsk had been sunk in battle.

That one of the Russian mines should have added another to the long series of misfortunes that have attended the Port Arthur fleet since the outbreak of the war is depressing to the people.

It is supposed that the mine which was struck was either one that escaped when the torpedo workboat Yencel was blown up by one of her own mines at the beginning of hostilities or that the loss of the mine

charts in that explosion made the navigating officer of the battle-ship unaware that there was a mine in his course.

There is another theory that in one of the Japanese attacks in which they were successful in approaching the outer roadstead they succeeded in countermining, but this is not entertained by the naval officers here. They regard it as another of the incidents of unforeseen misfortune that have done so much damage at Port Arthur.

The escape of the Grand Duke Cyril, between whom and the throne there is but one life, is described as miraculous. His brother, Grand Duke Boris, on another ship saw the disaster through a marine glass and assisted in saving the score who were picked up.

RUSSIANS DRIVEN BACK ON THE YALU.

TOKIO, Tuesday, April 12.—An official telegram from Wiju says that a company of Russian troops attempted to cross the first stream of the Yalu River west of Wiju this morning, and that a company of Japanese attacked and drove the Russians back. The bodies of twenty dead Russians, the telegram adds, were found after the fight. Their uniforms showed that they belonged to the Twelfth Regiment of sharpshooters.

Finally, the dispatch says, small parties of Russians without uniforms have attempted to cross the Yalu River at different points between Wiju and Yungampo, and that they were all driven back.

TO BRAVE DEATH IN TORPEDO TUBE

Chief Machinist Harry Schaub Will Try to Prove that a Man Can Escape from Sinking Torpedo Boat.

NEWPORT, R. I., April 13.—To demonstrate that there is a means of escape through the torpedo tube of a submarine boat should she sink or be unable to rise to the surface, Chief Machinist Harry Schaub, of the Portsmouth, has volunteered to take the risk of being shot from that vessel's side as she lies on the bottom of this harbor, and by his own buoyancy and swimming efforts to get to the surface.

Schaub is a good swimmer, and he is confident that he will come through the torpedo tube and the ordeal without a scratch. Lieutenant-Commander Fletcher believes that he will be successful, and as commandant of the torpedo station here he has accepted Schaub's services.

It is sought to prove by the demonstration that had the crew of the English submarine A. No. 1, a Holland boat, which was sunk recently by a Donald Currie liner while engaged in maneuvers off Portsmouth, taken advantage of their torpedo tube, every one of them would be alive to-day.

Commander Fletcher figures that as a torpedo tube is eighteen inches in diameter, and the shoulders of an ordinary man only fourteen across, there is nothing to prevent his getting away from the hull of death and, assuming that he is a good swimmer, being carried to the surface by his own buoyancy. In the case of the sunken English submarine, many officers are of the opinion that her torpedo tube was smashed, which prevented any one from using it as an escape.

GEN. FITZHUGH LEE ILL.

RICHMOND, Va., April 13.—Gen. Fitzhugh Lee is ill at his home here with bronchitis. His condition is not considered serious.

INSANITY SLAYER'S DEFENSE

Jersey City Man on Trial for the Murder of His Wife.

Julius Eckel, the bartender charged with the murder of his wife Alice on the night of Feb. 6 of this year in the case of Mrs. Annie McDermott, No. 25 Henderson street, Jersey City, was placed on trial in the Court of Oyer and Terminer before Judges Dixon and Blair and a struck jury in that city to-day.

Eckel is also charged with the murder of Mrs. McDermott, whom he killed on the same night that he took his wife's life, to-day the trial is only for the murder of his wife. He killed both Mrs. McDermott and his wife because his wife would not go home with him, and because Mrs. McDermott interfered with him.

Lawyer Alexander Simpson, representing Eckel, admitted that Eckel committed murder, but said that he would prove that his client was of unsound mind for some time prior to the shooting. He then called witnesses to prove his contention.

SHIPPING NEWS.

ALMANAC FOR TO-DAY.

Sun rises 5:20; Moon sets 4:00; Moon rises 4:21.

THE TIDES.

High Water. Low Water.

Sandy Hook. A.M. P.M. A.M. P.M.

Governor's Island. 6:17 6:57 12:22 12:56

Hell Gate Ferry. 8:10 8:50 1:51 2:12

PORT OF NEW YORK.

Arrivals.

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IN BIG COMBINE

THE A. A. A. and the A. M. L. are now one great body.

At a meeting of the American Association, held last night in the clubhouse, on Fifth avenue, the recommendation of the special committee bearing upon the amalgamation of the A. A. A. and the American Motor League was ratified. Hereafter these two bodies will work as one.

The vote of the members on consolidation was unanimous, though it was believed that there would be a strong sentiment against the action.

The by-laws were so amended as to permit the membership to be raised to 500. The former membership limit was 400.

Bender and Murphy.

Tommy Murphy, of this city, and Tony Bender, of Elizabeth, the two

boxers who have been eager to see which would meet the winner of the McGovern-Nell contest, will meet before the Lenox Athletic Club of Philadelphia, Friday night.

Philadelphia's Giants vs. Hoboken's.

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DIED.

COCHRAN.—On Tuesday, April 12, 1904, WILLIAM COCHRAN, of pneumonia, in the ninety-third year of his age. Funeral from his late residence, 270 Sterling place, Brooklyn, April 14, at 10 A. M., thence to St. Joseph's Church, Pacific street, near Vanderbilt avenue.